

*PHRYGANEA MAXIMA* SCOPOLI, 1763 (INSECTA, PLECOPTERA):  
PROPOSED SUPPRESSION UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS.  
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The object of the present application is to request the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature to make a ruling that would stabilize the usage of the specific name *Perla marginata* (Panzer), as understood for over a century.

1. Scopoli, 1763 (*Entomologia Carniolica*: 269) described *Phryganea maxima* (type locality: Idria, now Idrija in Slovenia), a species whose description very clearly refers to a member of the order Plecoptera.

2. For over a century and a half, *Phryganea maxima* Scopoli was considered to be a dubious species, or held to be the same species as *Perla bipunctata* Pictet.

3. Klapálek, 1923 (*Coll. zool. Baron Edm. de Selys-Longchamps*, 4(2) : 40) first applied the name *Perla maxima* (Scopoli) to a species that was previously described as new by Rambur, 1842 (*Hist. nat. Ins. Névr.*: 454) under the name *P. grandis*, and by Klapálek, 1900 (*Česka Akad. Cís. Fr. Jos.* (2)9(14) : 10) under the name *P. alpicola*.

4. Schoenemund, 1925 (*Z. f. wiss. Insektenbiol., Beilage*, 3 : 49) states that *Phryganea maxima* Scopoli is the same species as *Perla marginata* (Panzer), described as *Sembris marginata* Panzer, 1799 (*Fauna. Ins. Germ. Initia*, 6(71)). This view was supported not only by an interpretation of Scopoli's description, but also by searching at different times of the year in the type locality of *Phryganea maxima* Scopoli without finding the species that was named *Perla alpicola* by Klapálek, 1900. Strangely enough, he continued to call *Perla marginata* by Panzer's name, claiming that this resulted from the application of the Law of Priority!

5. Aubert, 1946 (*Mitt. Schweiz. Ent. Ges.*, 20 : 18) and all following authors overlooked the Schoenemund's paper, and continued to use Scopoli's name *Perla maxima* in the sense of Klapálek, 1923.

6. In an article in press, I apply the name *Perla grandis* Rambur to the species described by Klapálek, 1900, under the name *P. alpicola*, discarding Scopoli's name *P. maxima* as referring to another species, namely *P. marginata* (Panzer).

7. However, the application to the latter species of Scopoli's name would cause a considerable confusion in the nomenclature of Plecoptera. The specific name *maxima* seems not to have been used to indicate *Perla marginata* (Panzer) after Scopoli, 1763, that is, for over two hundred years.

8. The International Commission is therefore requested:

- (1) to suppress, under the plenary powers, the specific name *maxima* Scopoli, 1763, as published in the binomen *Phryganea maxima*, for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy;

- (2) to place the specific name *maxima* Scopoli, 1763, as published in the binomen *Phryganea maxima*, on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology;
- (3) to place the specific name *marginata* Panzer, 1799, as published in the binomen *Semblis marginata*, on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.